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TO : Director of Training
VIA : Chief, Operations School
FROM : Chief, Headquarters Training

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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 21
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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A. Armed Forces Staff College: On Thursday, 21 May [redacted] gave a 15-minute lecture on [redacted] at the Armed Forces Staff College. The other Agency representative was Col. [redacted] Chief, War Plans Division, PPC, who spoke for 40 minutes on Agency activities. For the first time, to my knowledge, Agency representatives did not participate in seminar discussions which provided (in the past) an opportunity for students to more thoroughly explore Agency organization, mission and operations. This curtailment in time leads me to believe that consideration should be given to attempting to prevail upon the responsible officials of AFSC to expand considerably the time allocated for presentation of the Clandestine Services side of CIA. A total of 55 minutes can contribute more to confuse the audience than to inform it. I have spoken to [redacted] our contact at AFSC, concerning this matter and he agrees that the time is much too short. However, it is not his prerogative to take remedial action. I also asked [redacted] to discuss the matter with Maj. [redacted] (knows well) the deputy commandant of the school. These invitations are received approximately three times annually. From personal experience in participating in seminar meetings in January 1959 I know that there is a real deficiency in the knowledge of these student officers in the evolution of government foreign policy and the role of CIA in cold and hot war. I think it is important for the Agency to continue to explain its mission and functions to responsible military personnel. However, I am similarly convinced that we should exercise caution in accepting such commitments when we feel that the time allocated is insufficient to properly get our message across to the audience.

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B. JOT Training: We are continuing to discuss and plan for the 1959 JOT training program here at Headquarters. The new objectives have been fairly well defined for the orientation phase and portions of the Clandestine Services portion of the skills phase have been completed in draft.

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